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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Bentleyville Telephone Company  
Petition for Waiver of Section 52.23(c) of the Commission's Rules  
Request for Dismissal Without Prejudice of Petition for Waiver  
Ex Parte Filing in CC Docket No. 95-116

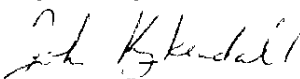
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Bentleyville Telephone Company (the "Company") respectfully seeks to withdraw its Petition for Waiver of Section 52.23(c) of the Commission's Rules ("Petition"). The Petition was filed in the above-referenced docket on November 21, 2003. Subsequent to filing the Petition, the Company has continued its efforts in preparation for the provision of number portability. The Company is now capable of supporting number portability with respect to the technical ability of its switches.

While the Company remains concerned about issues regarding routing of traffic subject to intermodal porting, the Company is participating in industry-wide efforts in Pennsylvania to address these concerns. The Company has not received a request to port a specific number as of this date. In the event that the Company does receive a request that raises technical implementation issues, it will immediately bring the matter to the attention of the Commission. Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss its Petition without prejudice.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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